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360-362 MAIN STREET  
Reisterstown, Maryland

Private

This large frame structure was built as a combination dwelling and shop. It was moderately stylish and sophisticated, a quality now masked by later simplifications and finishes. The combination of dwelling and shop reflects an earlier era when a proprietor lived with his business, and its existence here reflects the early commercial aspect of Reisterstown.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

360-362 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Steuart, Ensor &amp; Smith

Telephone #: 833-3600

STREET &amp; NUMBER

143 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 5334

Folio #: 97

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

360-362 MAIN STREET is a two story frame dwelling and shop structure, closely oriented to the street, facing east. It dates from ca. 1880. Asbestos shingles cover its walls and its exterior design may have been simplified in the twentieth century. The principal facade is five bays in length and the low-pitched hipped roof rises above plain wide eaves to a nearly-square deck. A one-story hipped-roof porch extends across the east front. The principal entrance is centered in the east front and typical windows are 4/4, the vertical muntins being wider than the horizontal. Shutters or blinds are missing. A flat shop front is in the two southerly bays of the east facade, consisting of a door flanked by large four-light sash. Extending behind (west of) the southerly bays is a one-story frame wing, three long bays in length, its shed roof falling to the south, perpendicular to the main structure. Behind the northerly bays is a two-story frame wing two bays in length, its shed roof falling to the west.

A hall extends through the middle bay of the structure, containing the principal stair to the second floor. The moulded walnut rail is supported by a massive turned newel and plain round tapered oak balusters. Two large rooms are to the north and a narrow room, in width equal to the hall, is west. The two larger rooms share a common chimney rising between them, each with an arched mantel of marbleized slate formerly fitted with Latrobe stoves. The northwest wing is a single room, the kitchen: at its west end the chimney forms a tall stove enclosure, resembling a very tall fireplace; it is now filled with later cabinet-work. A secondary stair links the cellar, the first and the second floors, enclosed between the main house and the kitchen wing.

The former shop, now an apartment, is a series of plain rooms; all finishes and the simple details appear to date from the twentieth century and they probably cover the original.

The second floor is similar to the first; original details are somewhat simpler. Grilles for the former Latrobe stoves are in each chimney, including the kitchen chimney.

The stone-walled cellar extends beneath the entire structure. First floor joists are circular-sawn; nails are cut.

In the low unfinished attic, framing for the wide eave is interesting; the exterior walls rise about 1½ feet above the attic floor to support outlookers which form the eave; their interior ends are mortised into a perimeter beam supported by short studs above the attic floor; occasional struts rise from the beam to a rafter plate, giving intermediate support to the rafters. A ladder leads to a hatch in the flat deck in the middle of the roof.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

About thirty acres were in John Reister's estate, part of the tracts of Brotherly Love and Reister's Desire on the west side of the turnpike. To dispose of his father-in-law's land to best advantage, Henry Wiest divided it into building lots, numbered 0-18. This house stands on Lot #2 (Marks, op. cit., p. 182). In 1805, Wiest sold Lots 1 and 2 to John Sumwalt (WG 89/85ff). Both lots were eventually resold by Samuel H. Tagart, Trustee of the estate of Sumwalt. Lot #2 was sold in 1860 to Philip R. Owings (GHC 31/200ff). It consisted of  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County shows the property as belonging to P. R. Owings.

In 1880, Philip R. Owings sold the property to J. Vinton Brown, a roofer (WMI 119/223). It was most likely that Brown built the house now standing on the property. He and heirs held the land for about 46 years. The 1898 Bromley Atlas shows him the owner, as does the 1915 Bromley Atlas. J. V. Brown died in 1917 and his widow sold the property in 1926 to Dr. J. Frank Miller and his wife A. Virgule Miller (WPC 633/519).

Both Dr. Miller and his wife died and the title was vested in Donald Miller. In 1947, Donald S. Miller and his wife Eleanor sold the property to Frank Savage and his wife Edna. Apparently, the Savages had rented the house previously (JWB 1550/406).

The Savages sold the property in 1962 to Donald L. Allewalt and his wife Dorothy (OTG 4084/289) (Edna Savage had died in 1961 and Frank married again.) It was Frank Savage and second wife Grace who sold the property to the Allewalts, who turned right around and sold it back to the Savages (OTG 4084/291). In 1965, Frank Savage died. His widow, Grace, sold the property to the current owners, Steuart, Ensor & Smith in 1973 (5334/94). It was still  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lillian B. Marks, Reisters' Desire (Baltimore, 1975)  
 Land Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

$\frac{1}{2}$  acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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6/79

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STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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